



United States Capitol Visitor Center

Weekly Construction Summary



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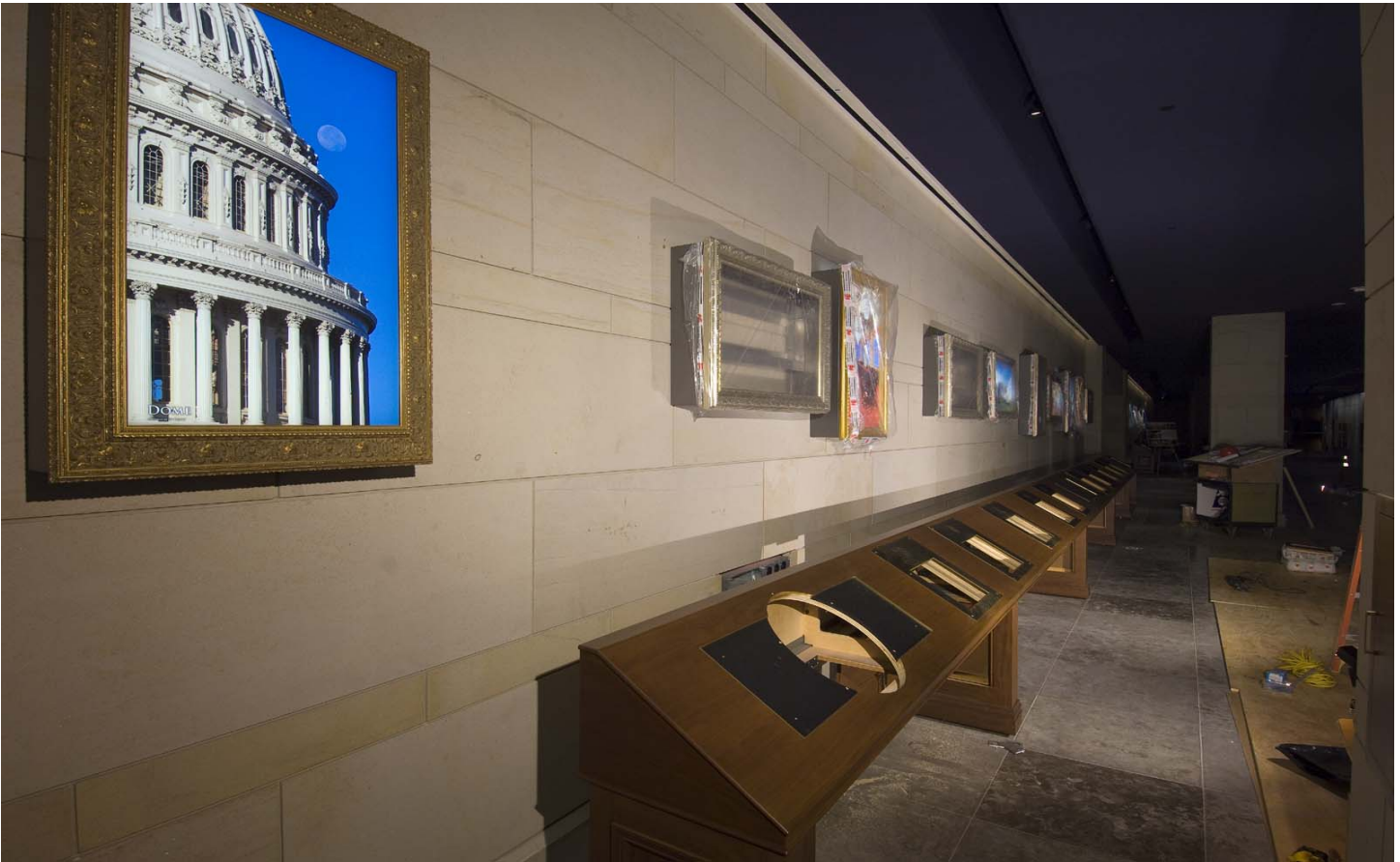
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A painter applies a base coat of paint to the recently-completed plaster ceiling of the third floor (Gallery level) in the East Front of the Capitol.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 12/17/07 through 12/21/07

- The final acceptance testing process on the CVC's fire and life-safety systems continues on schedule.
- Painters, carpenters, plumbers, masons, electricians, carpet installers, and other professionals continue to address punch-list items throughout the expansion spaces.
- Way-finding and room signs have been installed throughout the CVC public spaces.
- In the Exhibition Hall, metal workers completed the installation of bronze railings for the Virtual House and Senate Theaters. All major cabinetry and case components on both sides of the Wall of Aspirations have been installed.
- Audio-visual technicians continue to install projection system equipment and have completed the installation of the 34-foot-wide projection screen in the South Theater. Work in the North Theater will proceed later this week.
- In the House stairwell atrium, masons have completed the major stonework at the lowest level of the atrium and continue to install the pre-cast terrazzo stair treads. Stair tread installation is complete in the Senate stairwell atrium.
- A crew has installed the terrazzo floor through the length of the Cannon connector tunnel and the terrazzo has been grinded to its finished appearance.
- In the East Front ceiling framework continues at the Rotunda level while framework and plaster work are nearing completion at the Gallery Level. Large 550-lb. decorative stones for the Rotunda door will be installed this week.
- Metal workers are essentially complete with installation of bronze cladding around custom doors and window openings.
- Workers will continue to place concrete for the curving approach ramp leading to the CVC's south entrance.



All of the major cabinetry components have been installed in the CVC's Exhibition Hall. Light boxes and plasma screens will showcase high-definition imagery of both interior and exterior views of the Capitol. Twenty interactive stations will allow visitors to take a virtual tour of the Capitol.

- All of the major plaster and stone work is complete in the tunnel to the Library of Congress and in the portion of the transition zone that lies within the Jefferson Building. Masons continue working on the remaining stone work in the transition/screening zone just west of the Jefferson Building where ceiling framework and plaster activities continue.
- Technicians continue inspections of fire and life-safety components throughout the CVC.

Next Week – 12/24/07 – 12/28/07

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Punch-list work will continue throughout interior spaces as millwork, wall stone, floor stone, grout lines, painted surfaces, ceiling panels, plaster work, carpeting, doors, and other finish materials are inspected.
- The AOC Fire Marshal will continue the final testing process for the fire and life-safety systems.
- Workers will continue ceiling work at the Rotunda and Gallery Levels in the East Front Extension of the Capitol.
- Audio-visual systems testing will continue.
- Workers are expected to complete the installation of the bronze hand rails in both the House and Senate stairwell atria while masons complete the adjacent stone work and terrazzo stair landings.
- Ceiling work will continue in the LOC Tunnel to clear the way for installation of the terrazzo floor later this month.



A worker applies an epoxy that binds the stones within a terrazzo floor. This corridor connects House-side elevators to House Expansion Space.

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